

REMARKS

The present application has been made subject to a Restriction Requirement mailed on March 24, 2006. In particular, claims 1-33 are pending in the present application, and the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a rotary trimming apparatus, classified in class 83, subclass 485.
- II. Claims 12-20, drawn to a switching apparatus, classified in class 83, subclass 471.1.
- III. Claims 21-32, drawn to a rotary trimming apparatus, classified in class 83, subclass 469.
- IV. Claim 33, drawing to a rotary trimming apparatus, classified in class 83, subclass 495.

Without acquiescing in the restriction or the assertions made in support thereof,

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group III.

Claims 1-20 and 33 have been amended to depend on base claim 21. Applicants submit that amended claims 1-20 and 33 should be considered part of and examined with Group III.

Further, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. §121:

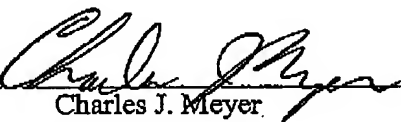
- a. Species A: Figures 1-6
- b. Species B: Figures 10-13

The Action recommends that the Applicants elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. Without acquiescing in the restriction, Applicants hereby elect the species of Group A

(Figs. 1-6). Applicants submit that at least claim 21 is generic. Applicants submit that claims 1-33 are readable on the elected species.

It is believed that claims 1-33, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by phone or otherwise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned directly.

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